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over the fence

CHAPEL PLAZA PROJECTED TO
FINISH BY OCTOBER



Photo by Graham Hunt

Vince Garzone
Staff Reporter

Over the past several years, Regis has added parking lot 6, St. John Francis Regis Chapel, and a cupola to the top of Main Hall.

The hammers and cement mixers are going again, this time right behind Main Hall. The project: a brand new chapel plaza.

Golden Triangle Construction began work in early May of 2007 and will wrap up Oct. 15. According to Mike Redmond, director of Physical Plant, it took six months alone to plan for the project and 1.4 million dollars to bring about the finished product. Approximately 75 percent of the funds came from donors Bill and Kathy Fortune.

Along with Redmond, many individuals were involved in planning the plaza project: Fr. Michael Sheeran S.J., president of Regis University; Karen Webber, vice-president of administration; Thomas Reynolds, vice-president of Mission; Julie Crockett, vice-president of University Relations; Ken Philips, assistant to the VP for University Art; Pat Schlanger, project manager of Physical Plant; and Jim Fletemeyer and Lee, a Boulder architectural firm.

"The plaza will make a really nice gathering place for the campus," Redmond said.

The project is part of the campus beautification project and will help complete the Chapel's overall construction.

"Having the chapel plaza should con-

nect the two (Main Hall and St. John Francis Regis Chapel) nicely, and really make it look complete," Redmond said.

The chapel plaza will consist of an upper tier and lower tier connecting the second floor of Main hall with the chapel, according to blue prints and artwork. The tiers will consist of tree gardens and will have planters in the front of the tiers. On the ground level, the plaza will consist of brick as used presently throughout the campus.

Cars will not have access to the area. In place of the "through traffic access" signs coming from the West Hall parking lot, there will be a round-a-bout where cars can turn around and exit out the main entrance.

The plaza will be dedicated to Father Pedro Arrupe, the 28th superior general of the Society of Jesus. Arrupe concentrated on education for justice, according to Reynolds.

A statue of Father Arrupe kneeling and a plaque with his biography, including some of his famous quotes, will rest at the bottom of the plaza.

"The plaza [represents] Jesuit heritage by including a nice place for students to gather and have a quiet reflection area," said Reynolds.

It will also help make Regis a more pedestrian safe area, said Reynolds, and "will bring the building [Main Hall] back to its more original look and really dress things up."

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THE VIEW FROM THE CHAPEL



View from Chapel

Pictured above is an artist's rendering of the plaza.

2000

The idea to construct a new chapel was approved. The previous chapel is now home to the O'Sullivan Art Gallery.

2005

Construction for the Chapel was well on its way. Completion was set for the following year.

2006

The St. Francis Regis Chapel is opened and ready for use. The traditional "Mass of the Holy Spirit" is held for the first time in the new space.

2007

Denver Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., officially dedicated and consecrated the new Chapel on Friday, January 19, 2007.

The plaza will be done on Oct. 15.

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RUSGA ready to rock and roll

Gus Maxwell
Staff Reporter

Student government at Regis University is a powerful organization on campus. In particular, the Regis University Student Government Association, RUSGA, over the past few years, has spearheaded important initiatives such as recycling and the bus pass program, all geared for student and university benefit.

When asked what the role of student government at Regis is, president Zac Garthe replied, "I buy in very strongly to the idea of service leadership. It's about giving students the tools to do what they want to do."

RUSGA facilitates all student organizations, including the judicial board, which reviews student disciplinary issues, looking at the administration's student policies, and planning many events for students. RUSGA also organizes Thursday Thrills events and is trying to start weekend activities this year. Student Government also does Ranger Day, a major event at the end of the year.

Furthermore, RUSGA has ambitious plans for its activities this year. "We're going to try some things that we've never done before," said Garthe, and, if everything goes as planned, he says, "This year is going to blow your mind like the 2001 Space Odyssey".

However, RUSGA differs from high school student government because it is not primarily about party planning. Garthe said, "RUSGA is like high school student council on crack and red bull."

RUSGA also takes on big projects. In the last two years RUSGA has installed a rock wall with a \$50,000 price tag in the Coors Life Direction Center and started a program to give all Regis Students bus passes.

How is RUSGA able to accomplish all of this? "We have built a good relationship with the administration," said Garthe. The most important recourse RUSGA has is its staff. Garthe is especially confident in his cabinet. The annual budget of \$450,000 can't hurt either, he said.

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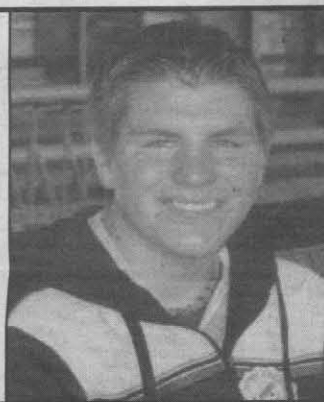
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2011 Senate Candidates

Name: Max Montrose
Major: Communications
Hometown: Denver
Favorite thing to do while procrastinating: Dance hang out with friends
What goals would you like to accomplish if chosen as a senator: Make Regis a more Eco Friendly place



Name: John Mackey
Major: Bio/math
Hometown: Denver
Favorite place to study: 1st floor of the library
Favorite thing to do while procrastinating: Play ping pong/long board
What goals would you like to accomplish if chosen as senator? I've already made efforts to start clubs for various activities including skiing/snowboarding, ping pong, and Frisbee sports. I'm also interested in getting vending machines on every floor of the dorms.



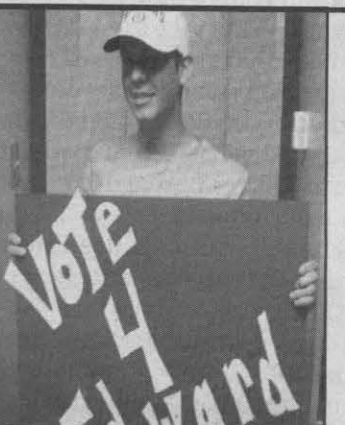
Name: Michelle Spreutels
Major: Pre-Med
Hometown: Riverside, CA
Favorite place to study: My dorm-room, the library, Carroll Hall
Favorite thing to do while procrastinating: Watch Grey's Anatomy
What goals would you like to accomplish if chosen as senator? Get more students involved in activities, bring the class closer together. I would like to try to get a Starbucks on campus perhaps...



Name: Cristina Chacon
Major: Communications/Education
Hometown: Denver



Name: Timothy Floro
Major: Undecided
Hometown: Cambridge, Massachusetts
Favorite place to study: In Bed
Favorite thing to do while procrastinating: Sleep in bed
What goals would you like to accomplish if chosen as a senator: Bring elevators to the freshman dorms, get off campus students more involved in school activities



Name: Edward Encinias
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Pueblo West, CO
Favorite place to study: I study pretty much anywhere, my dorm has become my study place
Favorite thing to do while procrastinating: I like to facebook, surf the net, Read a good book, run, and organize my room (when needed)
What goals would you like to accomplish if chosen as senator? Get Regis involved in more community service projects, boost school spirit

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Some Regis students warm-up before starting the run.

Photo courtesy of Zach Owens

Regis students aid in AIDS Walk Colorado

Zach Owens
Staff Reporter

On Sunday, September 9, 2007, fourteen Regis Students participated in the 20th annual AIDS Walk Colorado. Held at Cheesman Park in the heart of Denver, the event consisted of a 5K run and a 5K walk. The goal of the walk is to increase awareness and dialogue about HIV/AIDS and to raise money for the non-profit Colorado AIDS Project and thirty other AIDS service and education providers in Colorado. Together, the Regis team raised about \$375 for the event.

Part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt was also on display at the event. As the official AIDS Walk Colorado website states, "Founded in 1987, The AIDS Memorial Quilt is a poignant memorial, a powerful tool for use in preventing new HIV infections, and the largest ongoing community arts project in the

world." Each section of the quilt contains eight 3'x6' panels that each memorialize a person lost to AIDS. Currently, there are over 40,000 panels that make up the Quilt.

The Regis team was formed by Senior Ashly Blincow, who first learned about the walk when she was a freshman. The following year, when the walk expanded to include a run, Blincow and a friend ran in the event as a Regis team of two. This past summer, when Blincow was deemed captain for the Regis team for this year's walk, she became energized to get other students involved.

"Community is very important to me," said Blincow. "Humans were created for relationship with each other and as a member of the Regis community I find joyful obligation in fostering the dignity of self-worth of our students, staff and faculty through relationship-building within and beyond

our campus."

Blinchow also believes that participating in the AIDS Walk coincides with the Jesuit missions of faith, justice and respectful dialogue that promotes the sharing of values and the understanding of differences.

"By participating in the walk we engaged in dialogue with people about a topic that is sometimes uncomfortable for people to discuss because of the stigma often associated with HIV/AIDS. This dialogue happened when we asked for donations, asked our friends to join, and shared our experience after. To me, this is Justice," said Blincow.

Blinchow has hope for the future of the Regis AIDS Walk Colorado team. "I hope that it continues indefinitely, that awareness leads to action, and that participating unites our community with each other and with the greater community outside of Regis."

NSCS inducts new members

Ashton Do
Associate Editor

Officers from the Regis University Chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) welcomed new students into their group Sept. 14 in the ALC Mountain View Room.

"The very fact that you are here today is a testament to the high scholastic standards of the Society," Chapter Secretary Megan Mahoney said to the inductees.

Only students who stand within the top 20 per-cent of their class ranking and maintain a 3.4 or greater grade point average are invited to join NSCS, said Mahoney.

Benefits of NSCS membership include scholarships and awards, leadership development, and service opportunities. A video presentation featuring celebrities and notable business figures emphasized the networking benefits of joining NSCS.

Melissa Nix, coordinator for Curriculum & Intercultural Programming, delivered the key note speech for the evening, challenging

students to recognize their own potential and act on things they are passionate about.

"I've seen a lot of bright youth out there that don't have the opportunities you have," Nix said. "I just want you tonight to just reflect... how are you going to continue on with the privilege that you've been given?"

Inductees were called to the podium after the key note speech one by one and given decorative pins. After all the names were called, the officers asked the inductees to raise their right hands and repeat an oath of membership, pledging themselves to the three pillars of the society: scholarship, leadership, and service.

In the Spring of 2007, Skinner Middle School students came to the Lowell campus for a half-day shadowing experience organized by NSCS. The middle school students followed undergraduate mentors around campus to see and feel a college campus in hopes that they would understand that college was accessible to them, Nix said.

"NSCS started in 2005," said Phoung

Dinh, vice president for Planning for College Success. "It's still very new at Regis."

There are plans to host another Spring shadowing experience for Skinner students, Dinh said, noting that NSCS has yet to decide on Fall projects for the current semester. NSCS students work on smaller projects in the Fall and a large project in the Spring.

Anne Ho, a junior, participated in the Skinner event last year as a non-member of the NSCS, but was excited to be officially part of the bandwagon.

"It's nice to see everyone else today, because I didn't know who else was in (NSCS)," Ho said. "I'm just waiting to hear about some opportunities."

Chapter President Ashley Brown closed the ceremony by once again encouraging students to step up and get involved with their new community.

"You've heard about the great experiences and benefits that membership can provide," she said. "The rest is up to you."

Student interest in study of war grows

PRESS RELEASE, SEPT. 11, 2007

Kelli Berhost

Assistant Director for Media Relations

Today's college students are interested in iPods, Facebook and ...war documentaries? Surprisingly, yes. With a growing interest in the era of their grandparents, today's 18-to 22-year-olds are striving for more information than ever about "the greatest generation" they may never have met.

At Regis University this is no surprise. The Center for the Study of War Experience at Regis has seen tremendous interest from students in the past few years wanting to know more about how the battle at Omaha Beach was fought.

In coordination with Ken Burns' new film *The War*, Regis University and Rocky Mountain PBS will present an advance screening of the documentary at 6 p.m. Thursday September 20, at the Starz Film Center, 900 Auraria Parkway.

Following the movie, Regis' Center for the Study of War Experience faculty Dan Clayton and Nathan Matlock along with Thomas Zeiler and David Spires from the University of Colorado will be a panel of war experts discussing the film and the history of World War II.

Dan Clayton is Director of the Center for the Study of War Experience at Regis University and associate professor of history and political science. Dr. Clayton is the son of a World War II combat veteran and currently is writing a book about remembering war called *Stories from Wartime*.

Nathan Matlock is the archivist and oral historian at Regis' Center for the Study of War Experience. Matlock has accumulated an educational archive to preserve and collect the memories of war veterans in the form of personal narratives. He has collected more than 300 hours of video-recorded testimonies by veterans and their families.

The War is a seven-part series telling the story of the WWII through the personal accounts of men and women from four American towns. The series explores the human dimensions of WWII - "a worldwide catastrophe that touched the lives of every family on every street in every town in America - and demonstrates that in extraordinary times, there are no ordinary lives."

To speak with Dan Clayton or Nathan Matlock, contact Kelli Berhost at 303-964-5195.

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Jacqueline Kharouf
Opinions
Editor

In my three, going on four, years at Regis, I've seen a lot of odd things. Once, as I was leaving the Ranger Grill, a skateboarder attempted to jump on top of the stone barrier that surrounds the entrance of the student center. He almost made it. He jumped, landed partially on top, then fell full out on the sandstone. And although I tried to remain calm on the outside (I'll admit, it was a little shocking that he would attempt such a trick in broad daylight...oh, and that he did it just as I happened to walk by), I was definitely laughing in my head.

I can't tell you how many times I've seen inadvertently revealed undergarments and nether regions. This last week, outside of O'Connell, one gentleman had his pants so far down his legs I could see the entire span of his white-tighties. He might as well have not worn pants. Sometimes too I've seen young ladies bend to pick up their bags and, in the same move, reveal their skimpy underwear or, well, what they're not wearing.

I've seen plenty of cute boys and cute girls holding hands, making out on the stairs in front of the library, you know that sort of thing. (Never, sadly, have I seen a happy couple suddenly turn angry.) But, I've definitely seen people have break-up conversations on their cell phones: the awkward, angry pacing, the concerned/annoyed wide eyes directed at no one specifically, the one foot stomp and perturbed huff in between hurriedly muttered one-liners.

Although I've seen a lot of odd things, I've also seen the range of human emotions—from stupidity to incredible humility and kindness—and yet, even with all these observations, there are some things that still surprise me.

And that's why, I think, I keep looking. People are interesting. They are all different and so similar. For instance, although we don't want to admit it, we are all watching each other. Don't deny it. It's interesting, isn't it? Our curiosity gets the better of us and we look because we can.

But why do we "people watch" really? When we scan the far corners and

walkways of the quad, what are we looking for? It's an odd activity to admit, but it is really ordinary to watch the people around us (after all, children learn by first watching their parents). We watch everyone else because we are genuinely self-conscious. We worry about what other people think, even if we don't seem to care (I'm strongly reminded of those people who don't even bother hiding their buttocks if their pants slip too far down...sorry, but don't you feel the wind...at all?).

But we should care. Remember, people see you just as much as you see them (if not more, depending on their outfits). So, I'm not going to say you should present the version of yourself that you want people to know (because I think appearance has less and less to do with who you are nowadays)—but rather understand that your appearance should be something you consciously consider everyday. If you're ok wearing your pajamas to class everyday that's fantastic, your self-confidence is awesome, but realize that your professor (who, I'm guessing, doesn't wear pajamas to class) might consider your choice in wardrobe a reflection of your academic mentality.

Thus, it's not necessarily what you wear or what you do but *why* you do these things.

As always, I conclude with my usual spiel on self-consciousness and examination, but please don't be annoyed; I really believe it is increasingly important these days. Consider, for instance, the people we tend to (as opposed to *should*) look up to....Who was caught by the paparazzi wearing a too-short skirt and no underwear? Who was recently released from prison, where she had spent only 30 days because of a DUI? With examples such as these is it any wonder our generation tends to just not care?

Change is a fickle creature. She lives in our choices and thrives on how we arrive at decisions. I wouldn't say we all need to wear better clothes to be better people (that's really not the point here), but I would say we need to be conscious of ourselves in order to be better individuals. Yes, we watch other people, and yes, they watch us, but looking and being looked at requires that we also view ourselves in the same way.

So how can we start? How can we use all our people watching skills in a positive way? We can begin by taking a long look in the mirror.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE

LONDON, FRANCE

with Jessica Knapp



Photo from michaelpanda.com



Jessica Knapp is a senior English major. She is currently studying abroad in London.

Hello from the other side, and what may seem like another world. When I last left the US, I had no idea who Madeline McKann was, what the Piccadilly line was, or how to ride public transportation. Now however, just two short weeks later, I have become engrossed with the English modern day Jean Bonnet Ramsey, learned to love the Piccadilly line for its direct route to Heathrow, and learned how to ride the tube to every imaginable destination in Central London. A few other things I have learned during my short time here:

How to survive London during a tube strike- Really, just push your way through and if your face ends up in the back of a rather large man, rest assured that his face is probably somewhere just as uncomfortable.

How to say "goodbye" in person and on the phone- In London, it is always "Cheers." Everywhere else in England, it is "All right then."

How to say "Thank you"- Really, it is "Cheers."

How to not get hit by a car- First, always look left. Next, just realize that vehicles throughout Europe will not yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians must yield to vehicles.

How to flush the toilet- Simply hold down the handle for ten (no, I'm not kidding) seconds.

How to avoid thinking about the amount of money you are spending because of the exchange rate- Just forget about it and realize it is going to be expensive.

How to get around a big city- Use the public transportation. Really, it is much safer than attempting to walk, ride a bike, or drive a car.

How to block out as much noise as possible while on the tube- Turn up i-Pod volume to full blast.

How to make fantastic tea- Earl Grey, milk, and two sugars.

How to cope with missing friends and family- Call mum, ask her if you left your green sweater in your bedroom. Then proceed to talk to her for twenty minutes while she searches your storage bins (all the while staring at said sweater in your London closet). While I desperately miss home and all those who made my life that much more interesting over the summer (you know who you are), I am finding it very easy to push all that aside and completely engross myself in what is, in my opinion, the most fascinating city in

the world.

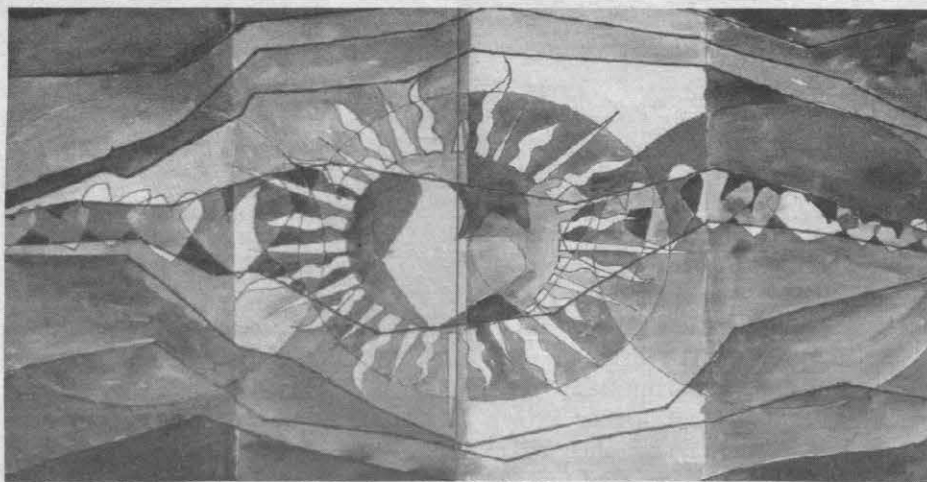
How can I begin to explain what British people in London are like? Well, for starters, they are rude, proud, and extremely well dressed. Putting all this aside though, I am finding it very easy to thrive here. I live in the Royal London Borough of Islington. Largely bombed out during World War II, today Islington has become a hub for artists and fresh companies looking to cash in on the underground culture that is emerging.

Walking along the streets of Islington is much like walking along the streets in Lodo, but with much more culture. On my way to the tube station, I pass the S&M Café (only Sausage and Mash mind you), a KFC, three Thai restaurants, and the best Indian restaurant in the world.

The food is not the only thing that has been a pleasant surprise to me though. I am delighted to find that riding the Tube is much easier than I thought it would be. Now the first few days were terrible. It is not because the British tube system is hard to understand or anything. No, the first two days I even attempted to ride the tube, I did so during a tube strike. Basically, there are thirteen tube lines that run through central London, and all but two of them were on strike. As a result, I spent the majority of my first few days riding the tube smashed up against one person or another. Since the strike has been over though, riding the tube has been quite a pleasant experience.

The final thing that I have been absolutely shocked to learn while over here is the way British people communicate with one another. Most of the time, they are either on their mobile (and trust me, I would say a good six hours of the day, British people are on their mobiles), typing emails, and aggressively swearing as they nearly get hit by a taxi. If it is technologically advanced, British people are communicating on it. If it involves simply talking to someone face to face, British people would prefer to get the mobile number and do it over the phone. As a result, I am constantly having to buy time for my mobile because no one wants to talk in person.

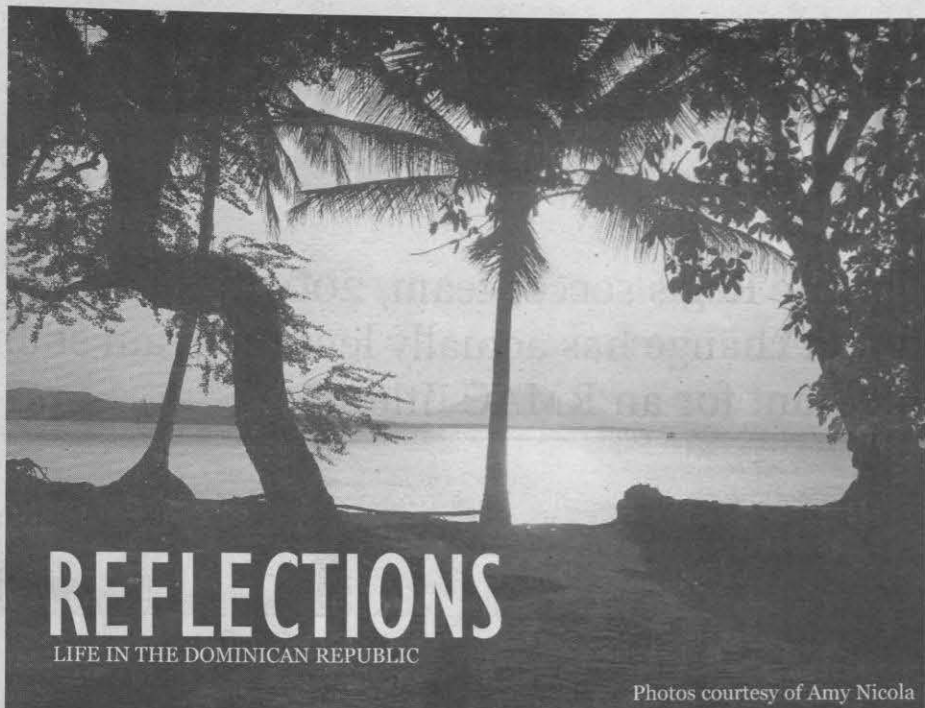
So, my mom asked me the other day, "Is this as good as it gets?" It may be to early to tell, but I am going to go out on a limb and say that it might be. Getting over the sad look my cat gave me as I left him two weeks ago has been pretty tough to swallow. But having the opportunity to experience something so vastly different as another country is just too hard to pass up. As fall begins to envelope the city, as school starts, and as my magazine goes to deadline, I begin to settle in a bit more to the British life, the life I can now call my own.



MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Thursday, September 20, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend. Classes are cancelled during the mass.



Nicola spends some time with Luis.

Hello again family and friends!

I wanted to send another note updating you about life in the Dominican Republic. It's still very hot but the daily afternoon rain always cools things down for an hour. I'm getting to know the city (Santiago) pretty well. We found a great little restaurant downtown that serves the best tostonis, which is a typical Dominican sidedish made of fried, mashed plantains. (It actually resembles the taste of french fries). We also found a great beach on the North Coast: very charming and lots of live merengue music. Another recent adventure involved jumping from the top of a waterfall into the pool below. I've learned the skills of both dominoes and casino; two very popular Dominican games played every evening in every household. So I am adjusting quite well to the Dominican culture. However, I wish the language would come a little faster.

I work a few days a week at Hogar

Luby, the orphanage for children with disabilities. Their stories are sad; many abandoned because of the poverty of this country. I bring water for the kids everyday, because they don't get water from the home. Their small mouths salivate at the sight of something to drink. Every once-in-awhile, the priest here will give me money to buy the kids milk, which always disappears faster than I can feed it to them. I have attached pictures of some of the children. The small boy I am holding, Luis, is a Haitian who was found abandoned in a field. He was brought to the orphanage about a year and a half ago. He has a slight physical disability, but is very intelligent. He is probably around three years of age and knows three languages, Spanish, English, and Kreyol (the Haitian language). There was a couple from the States trying to adopt him, but now it looks like the process is falling through. Please keep Luis and the other children in your prayers.

Today, we are headed to a small campo (village) in the mountains. We will be here for two weeks, building an aqueduct system through the campo (very primitive plumbing) so that the people will be able to have running water. I'm excited to get my hands dirty. We will stay with different families from the village, which will definitely help improve my Spanish skills. I'm sure we'll also play many more games of dominoes and casino.

I hope all is well for all of you. Please pass this on to anyone you think might like to hear about it.

love,

Amy Nicola

Will there ever be an end to the personal experience essay?

Jen Janes
Opinions Editor

Once, when I was five years old, I sat in the middle of our living room playing with my toys, when suddenly, flashing before my eyes, was Jesus on the television screen. This was my first memory. It took a year or so before I understood who this white man with black hair and prominent halo was, but having a first memory of Jesus is what has shaped my life today.

Sound familiar? Cheesy, perhaps? Well, it should. This is yet another opening paragraph (that I just made up) to the dreaded "personal experience essay." We have all had them. The assignment runs something like this: "Write about a personal experience that changed your life. Oh yeah, and in two pages." Just for a little added salt in the wound, we will accumulate at least twice as many of these paper assignments through high school and the beginnings of college as we will actual life-changing personal experiences. By the way, we are also prohibited from turning in the same paper more than once.

I don't know about the rest of you, but there are only so many times I can write about seeing a rainbow and suddenly understanding that life has meaning, or beholding a litter of newborn kittens and finally understanding the miracle of life. Yes, I made that up, just like I've made up many, many life-changing personal experiences in the interests of not cheapening my real life-changing personal experiences with the literary abomination of the five-paragraph essay. There have been precious few times that I have actually written one of these essays about a real, true, poignant life-changing experience, and I have typically only done so when my writing would be anonymous.

These assignments often seem like little more than glorified busywork designed to fill up the syllabus of an intro course. Yes, yes, it is supposed to be about self-discovery, but is that really just a pithy justification for an unimaginative assignment? If my life changed as many times as I have had to write about my life changing, I would have metamorphosed into at least fifteen different people by now.

What annoys me the most is how the personal experience essay can so easily be adapted to the particular subject of the course. For example, "What Role Has Evolutionary Biology Played in Your Life?" This makes it impossible to recycle high school papers, as those of us who went to public schools in right-leaning areas were probably never really exposed to much evolutionary biology, or any other higher-level subject.

In order to be fair, I will admit that in some cases, the personal experience essay can be presented in such a way that is actually relevant to the class (or even remotely interesting), and includes follow-up, but the majority of the time it seems these essays are constructed mainly to keep us busy. The worst part of this process is that it involves little or no actual thought except for where to put the comma.

Personal experience essays are best when they incorporate texts, or ideas, or opinions, but not when they exist in a vacuum, as they tragically too often do. Part of the reason we left home and decided to go to college is, I would hope, to learn more about ourselves, but talking about ourselves is something we do every single day. Let's face it: we are our own favorite topics of discussion. We do not need any more prompting.

What we need prompting for is originality. We may seem young and unformed to our learned professors, but the sad truth is that we are not unformed; we have been indoctrinated to standard answers through years of CSAP and other standardized test preparation. The personal experience essay is just another stepping stone in a long line of unimaginative assignments designed to make us follow a certain unimaginative writing format that can be appreciated by unimaginative standardized test graders and designers.

The true tragedy of this situation is that our own lives have been transformed into a standard answer, and our life-changing experiences into a five-paragraph essay. Many of us came to college in the hopes that standard answers would be a nightmare of the past. We want to think and learn and understand ourselves as we live – not as we appear in a two-page essay.

Breaking down the Market, "Alternative Energies"

Aaron B. Mejia
RUSGA Director of Finance

Aaron Mejia is a double-major in Spanish and Business Finance and plays for the Men's Soccer team. He enjoys reading business-related articles and books, and is shooting to be an investment banker in five years. He hopes his column gives Regis readers and friends something to think about, and to explain some of the vagaries of "the market." He adds, "if it weren't for my friends centering me, I would stress out too easily and probably go insane. :)"

"Breaking down the Market" is intended to inform the casual reader of news in the stock market, with focus

on certain industries and on the social consequences of market developments. One week, I will touch on the market as a whole, while other weeks I will write about industries such as telecommunications (e.g., Verizon), major airlines (e.g., Frontier) and oil & gas (e.g., British Petroleum, BP).

One should recognize that the ups and downs of the stock market have larger implications, not only do the results affect the shareholders; they also directly affect us as consumers. When a public company (companies on the stock market who are bought and sold) does not reach its profitability goals, change subsequently follows. It's important to stay current on this information because, then, you can anticipate the \$200.00 price reduction

on the iPhone or know when to take out a loan, or when to fill up your car. Also, when we, as consumers, buy a stock in the market, even as part of a mutual fund, we are lending support to that company. It is important to consider the ethical implications of these purchases, and to practice socially responsible investing.

Largely due to the mortgage mess, in which has brought recent turmoil to the markets, alternative energies have not received much attention lately. So where are we? I've spent the past few days researching the most popular alternative energies and gauged their economic viability: wind power, solar and ethanol.

The first windmills were developed in Persia for pumping water and grind-

ing grain in 600AD, lately, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 strengthened incentives for wind and other renewable energy sources. It seems everybody pictures the cleaner future with wind power. Yet, many recent wind power projects have been scrapped because of their cost-efficiency. Unlike power plants, many wind plants are not owned by public utility companies. Instead they are owned and operated by business people who sell the electricity produced on the wind farm to electric utilities.

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David Vranicar
Sports Editor

Regis' soccer season began with a potentially fatal cocktail of freshmen, transfers and a first-year head coach. Throw in a senior class that had won just 20 games in three seasons, and there was little reason to think that 2007 would be a year to remember - at least for anything good.

But somehow, after suffering through a miserable 4-12-2 season in 2006, Regis has melded into an unlikely but legitimate candidate to win the RMAC.

So much about this team is different from last season. Over half of the roster is new. The coach is new. The attitude is new. And the results are new, too. They had four wins this season after just six games.

The team has athletic director Barb Schroeder more excited about men's soccer than she has been in years.

"I see the returning guys busting their tails more than I've seen them do in the last two or three years. And then that combined with the new talent, the new freshmen and transfers, and they don't know any different. They're in to win....I see that energy level. I know coach Tiemeyer's doing the right thing and got expectations for those guys that possibly they haven't had before as a college player."

To appreciate how good things have been this season, you have to consider how inept Regis was during last season's campaign. The team was outscored 29-10. They were outshot 232-160. They were shut out ten different times. Students weren't going to the games, and even the players seemed to not care about soccer.

"Honestly, I hated soccer last year," said Ryan Brennan, a two-year starter at center back. "I dreaded going to practice. Games weren't fun."

Senior defender Aaron Mejia felt the same way. "It was a negative attitude at practice. No one wanted to be there." Players would often leave practice "doubting why you're playing soccer."

When asked about moving practices to 7 am, Tiemeyer said, "There's a lot of neat things going on on our campus at 3:30, 4 o'clock in the afternoon...But you know what? At 6:30 in the morning there's not a lot going on on this campus except people stumbling into the dorms."



Photo by Brett Stakelin

But things began to change as soon as the season ended. Head coach Matt McDowell resigned after six seasons, and Tiemeyer, who was a first-year assistant in '06, was appointed the interim head coach. The school then received a flood of almost 100 applicants to claim the job.

Schroeder and a selection committee from the athletic department dwindled those 100 down to three, and Tiemeyer's name was still on the list. By the time the list was at three, Schroeder admits that Tiemeyer had an advantage because he is so familiar with Regis. And, well, he should be. He played soccer and went to school here from 1987-1991.

"He knows Regis. He loves Regis," Schroeder said. "And of those three finalists, one knew the game just as good as the other. But I think Keith, in my mind and in the minds of the search committee, tipped the scales with [the fact that] his heart was at Regis. He wanted to be here."

It took the players about 12 minutes to realize that things would be different under Tiemeyer. That's because the season began with a grueling two-miles-in-12-minutes dash that acted as a default tryout. The test itself is not Tiemeyer's invention, but he did add a little twist: if a player failed to pass the test within a week, they were cut. Period. Players had to complete the test in order to even be considered for a spot on the team.

The summer started with a 30-man roster. Only 22 were left after the fitness test.

"That's different," Tiemeyer said. "In previous years it'd be if you don't pass the fitness test then you have to do extra work, but you're still in the group. And I think guys did take that seriously this year."

Freshman Stewart Copeland was part of the first class to be subjected to this 12-minute ultimatum, but he didn't resent the extra work.

"In all honesty...I think that was the very beginning that said, 'We're going to be a different program this year.'

THE SEASONS HAVE CHANGED

For the Regis soccer team, 2007 has been as surprising as 2006 was forgettable. An off-season full of change has actually lent the team stability. And now, after a 4-2-1 start, Regis finds itself in the hunt for an RMAC title.



ABOVE: Freshman Nathan Kafer rips a shot last week against Metro State. Metro was the preseason favorite to win the RMAC, but a second-half own-goal was all that prevented Regis from victory in a 1-1 draw. Kafer has five goals and three assists through seven games. His five goals equal half of Regis' total goals for the entire 2006 season.

And if you don't want to be here, you're just not going to be here." Those people [who were cut], whether they had the heart to play or not, the fact is they couldn't run it. And that was the very beginning, the first sign that we wanted to change this program."

And a lot about the program has changed. Just look at the 7 am practices. Tiemeyer has a litany of reasons for why he moved practice from late afternoon to early morning. First he mentions that he doesn't want to hog the intramural fields or mess up the afternoon schedule of extra-curricular activities.

Eventually, though, he mentions the other kind of extra-curricular activities that account for the 7 am start time.

"It does offer some discipline as well. Like I said, our guys have to go to bed at night. They have to prepare themselves. They have to get proper rest. You know, you can't be out doing certain things and coming out the next morning and performing."

"It's a pretty cool campus. There's a lot of neat things going on on our campus at 3:30, 4 o'clock in the afternoon...But you know what? At 6:30 in the morning there's not a lot going on on this campus except people stumbling into the dorms."

LEFT: First-year head coach Keith Tiemeyer, who graduated from Regis in 1991, has a word with freshman forward Sterling Copeland as he sends the youngster onto the field. Copeland's best moment this year wasn't a goal, but instead a red card he drew against then-no. 1 Fort Lewis. The foul set up the game-winning penalty kick.

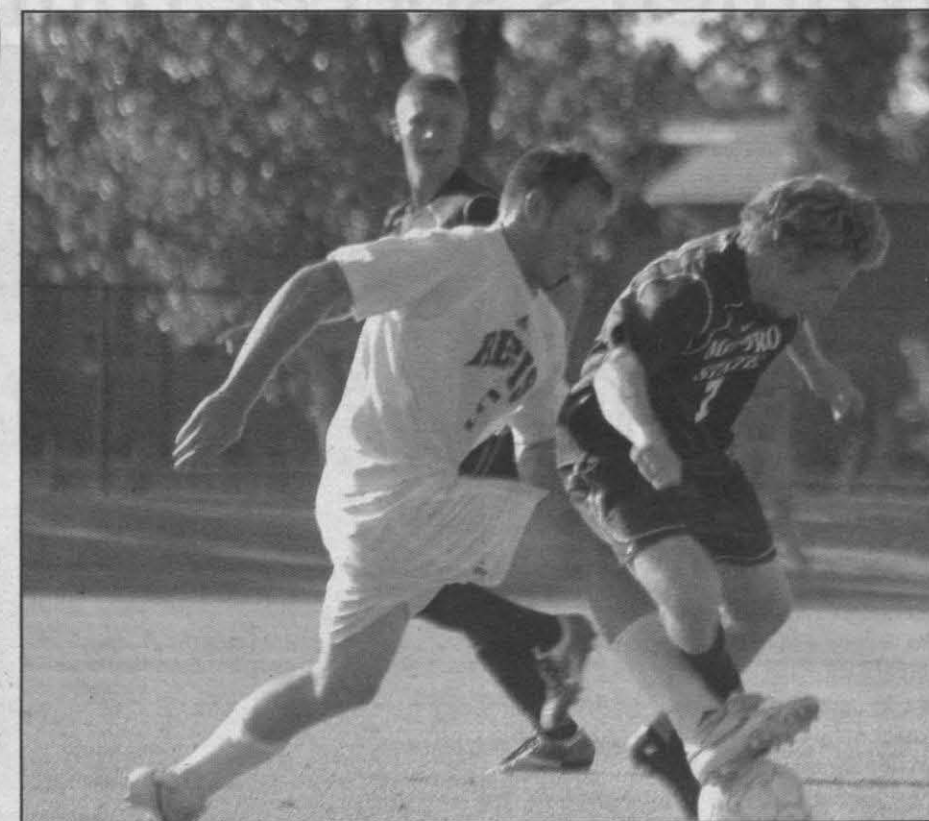


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ABOVE: Sophomore Ryan Brennan and the rest of the defense had a rough 2006 season, letting in 29 goals and allowing over 230 attempts to get sent towards net. But things are different this season. Regis is scoring more than twice as many goals as their opponents, and they held Fort Lewis scoreless after giving up 16 goals to them in their last 6 meetings.

been indirect. He never explicitly outlawed his players from drinking, but tying one on isn't really an option with practice at 7 am. He also didn't give edicts to his players about what they had to do during the summer, but they knew about the lung-popping 12 minute run waiting for them when they got together in August. And Tiemeyer never said, "If you mess up, then you're coming out." But with a new stockpile of talent sitting on the bench, players know that a misstep on

kinks will appear in the Regis defense. And maybe the rigors of trying to claim a spot in the postseason will befuddle a brand new coaching staff.

But for now, with a 3-1-1 conference record, there is every reason to believe that this team will compete for an RMAC championship, and maybe more.

For now, Regis soccer is proof that change is good.

Tiemeyer didn't give edicts to his players about what they had to do during the summer, but they knew about the lung-popping 2-mile-in-12-minute dash waiting for them in August.

the field could be the first step towards the bench.

With so much change surrounding the soccer program, it is dangerous to speculate about how this season will play out. Maybe the freshmen will succumb to the length and physical demands of an NCAA schedule. Maybe

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tactical coach. His toughness and the expectations he had for the guys to work hard were a little bit lacking....[The players] needed somebody who was going to hold their feet to the fire and say, 'Hey, this is how hard we're going to work, and if not, this is going to happen.'

Tiemeyer said almost exactly the same thing: "We're holding their feet to the fire a little bit, saying either you perform or you have to come sit down on the bench."

The change that has taken place under Tiemeyer has, for the most part,

The 7 am practices have put a kibosh on the players' social life. ("I don't even know what people do on weekends," Copeland said.) But that may have been just what the team needed. According to some players, much of the 2006 debacle stemmed from off-the-field issues, namely alcohol.

"Just sitting in the meeting room, talking about everything that went wrong in the years past, and the single most important thing was alcohol," Copeland said.

"People [were] drinking way too much. I wasn't here completely, but just hearing people talk, it was drinking the day before [a game]. It's not just games that the alcohol affected. When you don't train and practice because your alcohol is affecting you, that's one less practice you have."

And there's only so many practices. And when you don't practice hard, how do you expect the person next to you to be practicing?"

Schroeder also felt that the players weren't being held accountable.

"I think there was a clear lack of discipline in the past, both on and off the field," Schroeder said. "I think McDowell was a very good technical,

RIGHT: Goalkeeper Trevor Steege was a preseason All-RMAC player, and he has more than earned the acclaim thus far. He has received RMAC Defensive Player of the Week honors, posted two shutouts, and had a third blank sheet ruined by an own-goal.

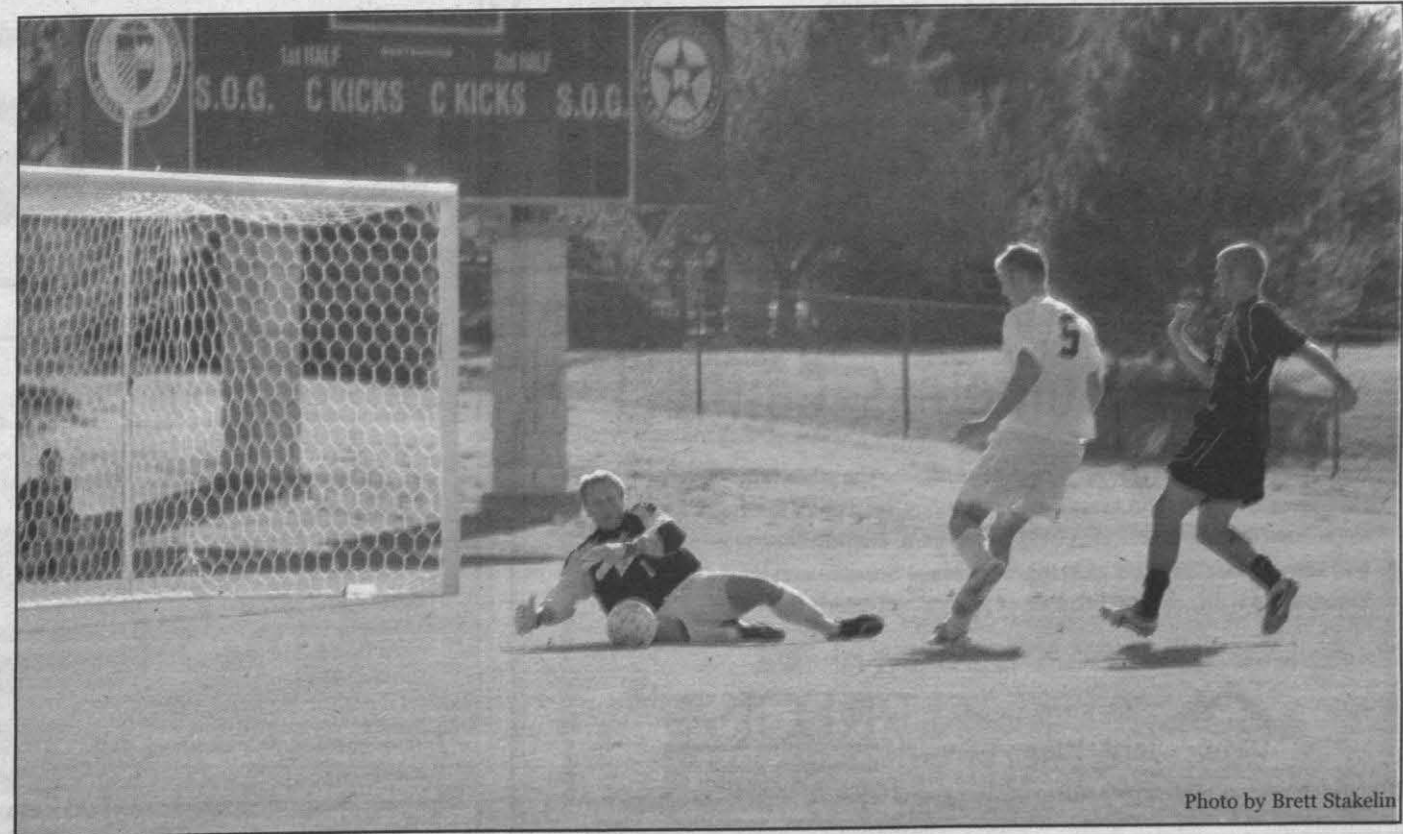


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Women's soccer rolling after slow start

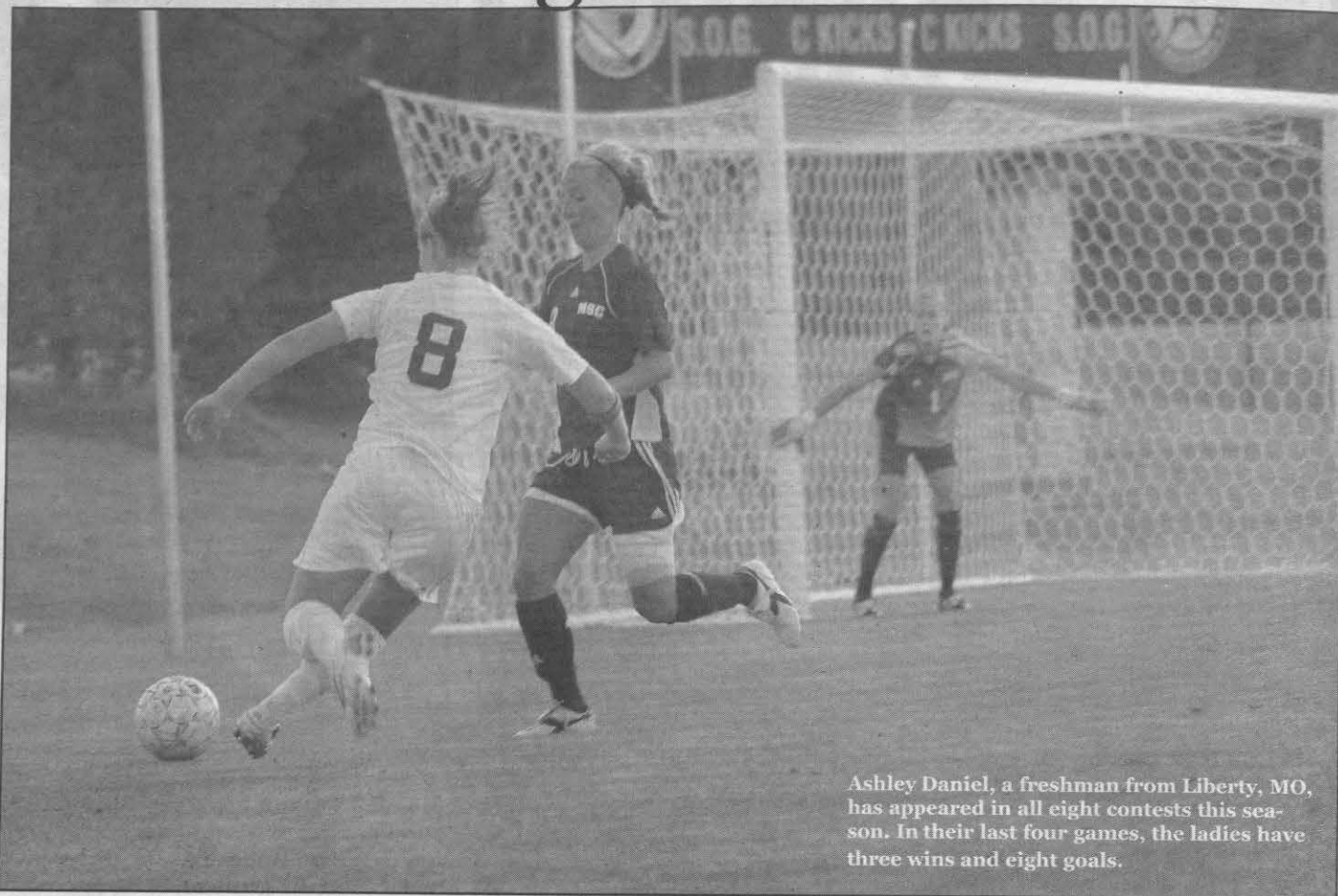
Vince Sapienza
Sports Writer

The Lady Rangers have just come off a tough loss at the hands of rival college Fort Lewis a few days ago and looked to bounce back with a victory over New Mexico Highlands University. The game was played in Regis' own brand new home field, which the school as well as the athletes take great pride in. Losing two in a row was not an option for the Lady Rangers, especially being on their home field.

The Lady Rangers came out firing with an early goal in the 14th minute by senior Erin Bevacqua (Laguna Nigel, CA) after a shot by sophomore Lexi Tagen (Manitou Springs, Colo.) went off the post and back to Beacqua for the early goal. The Lady Rangers wasted little time by scoring their second goal in the 21st minute on a header by junior Carter Cornet (Edmond, Okla.), her fourth goal of the season. Cornet was set up beautifully on a cross by sophomore Heather Thomas (Shaker Heights, Ohio) putting up the the Lady Rangers up to 2-0 in the first 21 minutes of the game.

In the second half the Lady Rangers stepped up their defense and by games end only allowed three shots on goal, in which junior goalkeeper Holly Redmond (Longmont, Colo.) kept out of the net. The win put the Lady Rangers record to a respectable 3-4 mark, and a 2-1 record in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC).

The Lady Rangers look to continue their momentum this week with their next three games on the road starting with CSU-Pueblo. The Lady Rangers with each game seem to be putting the pieces together, and with solid play could make a legitimate run at the conference title.



Ashley Daniel, a freshman from Liberty, MO, has appeared in all eight contests this season. In their last four games, the ladies have three wins and eight goals.

Photo by Brett Stakelin

GAMESCHEDULE

Women's soccer

09/21/07 Friday at Colorado Christian* Lakewood, Colo. 1 PM
09/23/07 Sunday at Colorado Mines* Golden, Colo. 12 PM
09/28/07 Friday vs Adams State DENVER 1:30 PM
09/30/07 Sunday Florida Southern DENVER 12 PM

Men's soccer

09/21/07 Friday at Colorado Christian* Lakewood, Colo. 3 PM
09/23/07 Sunday at Colorado Mines* Golden, Colo. 2:30 PM
09/27/07 Thursday at Westminster (Utah) DENVER 4 PM
09/30/07 Sunday at Metro State* Denver, Colo. 12 PM

Volleyball

09/04/07 Tuesday UC-Colorado Springs* Colorado Springs, Colo. L 0-3
09/08/07 Saturday Colorado Mines* DENVER W 3-0
09/14/07 Friday Chadron State* DENVER W 3-0
09/15/07 Saturday Nebraska-Kearney* DENVER L 1-3
09/21/07 Friday Colorado Christian* Lakewood, Colo. 7 PM
09/22/07 Saturday Metro State* Denver, Colo. 7 PM

Regis University Mission Day: The Jesuit Mission in Action

Regis students, faculty and staff are coming together to connect Denver's homeless to life-changing services. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved with Denver's Road Home, the city's ten year plan to end homelessness. Regis has committed to have 400 volunteers at the event, so we need your help! For more information about Denver's Road Home you can go to www.denversroadhome.org.

Friday, October 19, 2007

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

INVESCO Field at Mile High



Project Homeless Connect

Help the homeless in Denver by volunteering for the city's fifth Project Homeless Connect. The event serves as a one-stop shop for the homeless to get needed services — including health care, employment, legal assistance, permanent housing, food, clothing, and Social Security and food-stamp benefits. As many as 1,000 homeless people will attend the event.



This is a mission-leave eligible day,
ask your supervisor or professor for permission to attend

Regis volunteers will work one-on-one with homeless individuals, helping them prioritize their needs and accompanying them to needed services at PHC5

Volunteers are required to attend orientation training in the
Mountain View Room, Adult Learning Center, Lowell campus

If you are unable to volunteer, you can still participate by donating new
underwear, sock, winter hats and gloves. Look for drop boxes on campus

For more information, contact Fredricka Brown at fbrown@regis.edu or 303-458-3544



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Volunteer Assignment Preference:

☐ 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ☐ 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. ☐ Full day, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please mark the orientation time you would like to attend:

Monday, Oct. 8 Tuesday, Oct. 9 Wednesday, Oct. 10

☐ 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. ☐ 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ☐ 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

☐ 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. ☐ 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. ☐ 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

☐ 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. ☐ 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

End times for volunteer times may vary, depending on how long it takes the client you are escorting to receive all his or her services.

Sign up by dropping off or mailing this form to University Relations, B-16, Main Hall 207
or fax to 303-964-5531 before September 25

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These private companies are known as Independent Power Producers (www.eia.doe.gov). The WSJ states, "Last week, Long Island scratched its plans to build a wind energy center in the Atlantic when costs were running up toward \$800 million." For private companies to accumulate \$800 million without any public help is a difficult task.

The sun has produced energy for billions of years, and the solar radiation that reaches the earth is called the solar energy. Besides the amount of area required for cost-efficient farms, solar panels have not been popular due to the high costs for the polysilicon material used to make the panels, thus squeezing the manufacturers' ability to make a profit, or break-even.

Finally, we have come to corn ethanol. Ethanol is a clear, colorless alcohol fuel made from the sugars found in grains. Ethanol is to replace some of the gasoline to make the E10 mixture, 90% gasoline and 10% ethanol, which reduces carbon monoxide and other toxic pollution from the tailpipes of vehicles, making the air cleaner. Even after a big push in ethanol production by the government's tax credits and overall demand, there are many complications. To begin, everybody wants to plant corn but there is no place to plant it. To expand a farm is grand multi-year project and most of the available land has already been plotted. After harvesting the corn, the farmer needs to store it and hold out for the demand by placing it in nearby silos. The problem that Shelly Banjo writes, "The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts the fall harvest will yield 12 to 13 billion bushels of the grain, enough to fill 183,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools — a far greater quantity than currently available storage capacity" (8.10.07 WSJ). Farmers cannot play the market when they have to sell their crop right away, and when they do not make a profit, they cannot expand their farms or build new silos. Atlas, the 2016 projected use of corn ethanol is 740,000 barrels per day while oil still commands 10,330,000 barrels per day (7.10.07 WSJ). Based off of this statistic, domestic ethanol produced from corn will not curb much of the demand.

With this in mind, many ethanol giants recognize the best way to quell this ethanol demand is to shop somewhere else, and that place is Brazil. Brazil is the country with the world's largest ethanol production that makes most of its ethanol from sugar cane due to its great soil, precipitation, and land to farm. Many cars in Brazil today operate on ethanol made from sugar cane. Still, US government has placed "a heavy tax" on imported ethanol from Brazil and other ethanol producing countries. In addition, investors have gone over to Brazil in search to buy sugar cane farms and consolidate them into a more efficient system, but they have returned frustrated because many of the family owned farms are unwilling to sell.

Thus, you see the difficulties remaining in the alternative energy industry; and for now, I guess we will have to get used to paying more at Oldtown for popcorn and \$4.00 for a gallon of milk at Safeway.

DIVERSITY dialogue



WITHOUT PREJUDICE?



You have \$25,000 to give to a deserving person. Can you do it based on first impressions? Can you decide without prejudice?

Wednesday, September 26
4-6 PM, Regis Room, Carroll Hall

Everyone is Welcome

Light snacks/munchies will be provided
For more information contact the office of the Associate to the Provost for Diversity at (303) 964-5304.

Accounting Career Opportunities

If you are a Junior, Senior or MBA Finance & Accounting major, don't miss this event!

Opportunity to talk to multiple organizations about job and internship opportunities! This is a networking event, not a job fair. YOU MAY BRING SOME RESUMES BUT PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ANY TO EMPLOYERS UNLESS THEY ASK FOR IT.

Event: Accounting Mixer
Date: Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 2007
Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Location: Mountain View Room
Adult Learning Center, Entrance 4
Lowell Campus

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SHOW OFF!

THURSDAY THRILLS UPDATE

RIGHT: Burns agonizes through the "toilet seat of death."

Brett Stakelin
Photography Editor

Last week's Thursday Thrills was the "Show Off Show," a comedy entertainment event, where Evan Young and Jonathan Burns do outrageous stunts. Some of their amazing talents included fitting a whole balloon down one's throat and the 'toilet seat of death.' The show started with some napoleon dynamite-esque humor, such as the joke "What did the zero say to the eight? Nice Belt." Their kooky wit and audience participation kept people entertained throughout the hour show. The most unique part of the act was sharing tricks that students could try.

Next week's Thursday Thrills is Jason "Escapes" Gardner, the first ever escape artist at Regis, at 10pm in the Dining Hall.



Photo by Brett Stakelin

MILITARY RECRUITERS DON'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY...



DID YOU KNOW:

- ✶ 57% of recruits who are promised money for college, receive NO FUNDS.
- ✶ HALF of the military's frontline troops, which are most at risk of injury and death, are people of color, even though they are only 37% of the military overall.
- ✶ Veterans actually have LOWER annual income than their civilian counterparts.

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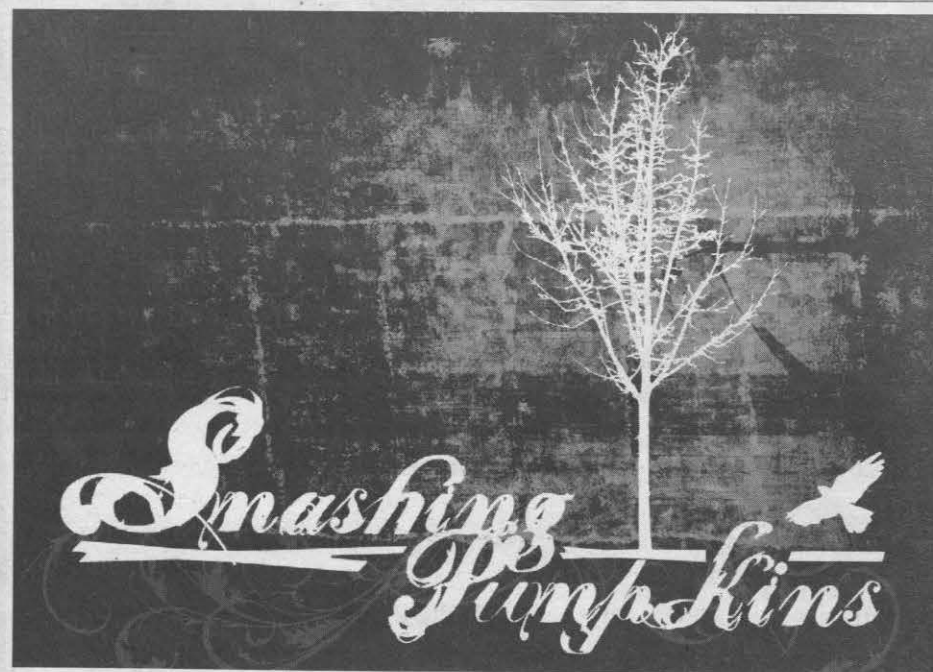
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This workshop will prioritize the experience of youth.
Adults over 25 are welcome but should arrive half an hour early.



Smashing Pumpkins back together

Matt Fisher
Staff Writer

In one of the greatest return stories ever, *The Smashing Pumpkins* have returned. On June 21, 2005, lead singer Billy Corgan took out a full page ad in the Chicago Tribune to announce his wishes to reform the band. Almost a year later it was confirmed on their website. And, to seal the deal, the group released a C.D. this past summer on July 10.

Their much anticipated CD release "Zeitgeist" manages to bring back all of the emotion Pumpkin fans have been nostalgic for. Their recent single, "Tarantula," doesn't live up to past singles, but does manage to bring an interesting sound to the radio. The song can best be described as hard rock mixed with pop rock. It lacks the usual emotion found in previous singles, though.

The CD serves its purpose for diehard fans, 13 new songs with the old Pumpkin sound. It also allows for a younger audience to tune in. Many new listeners may not even realize this band was formed almost twenty years ago.

On Wednesday, September 30, *The Smashing Pumpkins* will be performing at Red Rocks. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. with opening act, Bravery. For the few who don't know, Red Rocks is a completely outdoor amphitheatre that has featured many artists including The Beatles, The Grateful Dead, Ben Harper, and The Fray. Tickets for the show are still available at Ticketmaster.com. (Prices start at \$49.)

THE SQUISHY AVOCADO

This week we consider the true necessity of remodeling various buildings on our fair campus. Whether these new improvements mean safer classrooms, more space, or new, sinister equipment, remodeling is hardly ever just remodeling.

~ Blando

Loyola Hall and Dayton Memorial Library improve for new school year

George Frederico
Avocado Writer

With remodeling currently underway for the Science building, various other buildings around campus have also seen some minor updates and improvements. Loyola Hall, which has stood on this campus since the beginning of time, was one such lucky building.

Over the summer, Loyola Hall received a fresh batch of new desks.

"Ooooo!" said returning student, Liza Fever, "the new desks are so luxurious."

David Urino, the Physical Plant employee entrusted with ordering the new desks, said new desks had to be ordered due to several complaints with the previous models.

"Professors had complained that their students were being sucked back in time," Urino said, "they were literally breaking free of the bonds of time and space, traveling the cosmos, and, finally, arriving in a similar classroom circa 1950."

The sheer age of the desks, Urino explained, gave the contraptions (especially the pistachio green models) their time surpassing capabilities.

Kyle Billon, one student who made his first time voyage last semester, was grateful for the new desks, "Classes were definitely much harder back in the day," he said.

Dayton Memorial Library also received a new update this summer. The front entry way, which had been previously arranged for the ease and efficiency of quick book returns and final book checkouts, was rearranged to allow for the huge crowds which frequently congest the library's main lobby. By placing the checkout counter as far away as possible from the front doors, explained DML director Georgette Skylar, DML can maintain the welcoming openness typical to most libraries.

"We wanted the library to say something," she said, "something like: these books are precious, appreciate them, check them out, and carry them, slowly, without running, with you into the world."

These improvements are initial parts of the Regis Beautification and Restoration Initiative.



Campus population unsure what remodeled Science Building should be

Morgan Papel
Avocado Writer

As we watch the remodeling of the science building unfold before our eyes, no one is really sure what the function of the newly remodeled building is supposed to be. While everyone can admit that the facilities were rather outdated, the architecture was not very pretty, and overall it smelled like a high school Biology classroom after a group dissection, no one can seem to agree on which rumors to believe.

"I bet it's going to be a dungeon," said Courtney Keys, a sophomore. "I mean, everyone hears those stories about professors killing their problem students and burying them on the quad." In tears, Keys added, "What if they've found a new way to get rid of us?"

Another speculation is that the building is going to become a smart parking garage. "We have smart classrooms," said John Speaker, a junior, "why can't they have smart parking garages? You know, the kind that automatically gives tickets and slashes your tires if you're different from the general population? Because I'm telling you, that second part would save me and my buddies a lot of trouble." Speaker was unavailable for further comment, as he had to prepare for his keg stand party scheduled immediately after evening Mass.

The notion that the newly remodeled science building will be stocked with better laboratories, equipment, and overall attractiveness, however, seems to have been dismissed immediately. Some even suppose that the new building will be used for secret Jesuit ceremonies, or as a cat breeding facility. Keys in particular hopes for the cat breeding, saying, "Oh. My. God. I. Love. Cats."

Whatever the function for the new building, it is certain to be well-appreciated and much-used.

HOROSCOPES

BY JEN JANES & JACQUELINE KHAROUF
Mistresses of the Cosmos

Today's birthday

Hold on there cowboy/cowgirl! Just because it's your birthday doesn't mean you can subject your friends to three solid hours of mechanical bull riding. The chaffing, after all, is just ridiculous.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You firmly believe that a man's home should be his castle, but that won't stop the alligators from escaping from your new moat and mating on the neighbors' lawns.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Despite your passionate arguments, your logical maneuvers, and your rhetorical flourishes, you will still be unable to convince the ladies of the local Senior Center that all is fair in love and bingo.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You will attempt to piece together your future by eating a whole bunch of fortune cookies, which will show that you must proceed with confidence to achieve your dreams while staying on the middle path because you are a very special person.

Aries

(March 21-April 19)

The stars will wonder if you've really learned nothing from your childhood this week when you take a bite from the witch's life-sized gingerbread house.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

As a Taurus, you represent the bull. However, the stars must take this opportunity to remind you that just because you are a bull, that does not mean that your next Religious Studies paper must also be bull.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Reality wants to slap you in the face this week. But keep in mind that this can be avoided if you only remember that the toothless woman who lives by the underpass you walk under every day's name is Reality.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22)

Your search for the perfect cup of coffee will suddenly end when you open your fridge this morning.

Yes, not only is that day-old coffee

more black than the dark recesses of your surprisingly dank skull, it is also the most delicious relief for those I-just-woke-up-and-can't-remember-my-name morning grumbles.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

There's nothing like a good pair of shorts. And yet, while dressing this week, you will make the unfortunate decision to wear your favorite pair in spite of the gale-like winds you hear through your window. Spite is a cruel mistress; your decision will result in several frozen extremities.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Friends and family may remark on your simple looks and good manners, but beware their kind attentions. This week, one of your closest friends will photo shop your likeness on the body of a preposterously good-looking antelope. And yes, you will spend the night alone in tears.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

For all the hard work and determination you may put into finding the meaning of the phrase: "Luck be a lady tonight" you will, once again, misuse the phrase at the beginning of your two and a half hour business meeting.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Keep your eyes peeled for the hundred dollar bill someone will "accidentally" drop right outside your door. Although the bill, cleverly folded to look like a significant bit of cash, may be for you, you will immediately regret picking it up when you hear a "Feed the Children" commercial playing on the common room television.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This week you will face imminent death and win, surprisingly. Who knew your record for eating hotdogs would be so useful, especially when the evil wizard Saruman shows up and demands you serve him forever unless you can eat all his rancid Middle-Earth hotdogs in less than 20 minutes? Good for you, kiddo.

Calendar of Campus/Community Events

September 18

Career Services

Accounting Mixer

Several accounting firms will be on campus for an annual networking mixer in the ALC Mountain View Room from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity for Business Finance & Accounting majors. Sign up for the mixer at www.regis.edu/careerservices

Regis Ramblers

Come to the first meeting of the year! Choreographed by Shannan Steele, the Regis Ramblers produce a musical every spring where everyone is cast! Last Spring, the Ramblers put on their dancing shoes for a production of *Footloose*. Come to the first meeting at 8 p.m. in the student center dining hall.

SOA Delegation Meeting

Join the Regis Delegation to the School of the America protest and Ignatian gathering in Columbus, GA on Nov. 16-18. An information session will be held at 5 p.m. in the West Hall Conference Room on Tuesday, September 18th. Come learn about the trip! Email Erin Benson at eben-son@regis.edu with any questions or call ext. 4109.

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Study Abroad Fair

Spain. England. Italy. Don't miss your opportunity to learn about study abroad programs! Gather all the information you need to begin selecting a program for your semester or academic year abroad. Regis College affiliated partners for study abroad will be available in front of the Student Center from 11:30am to 1:30pm to give you detailed program information and answer your questions.

September 19

Musical Delights: Regis Faculty in Concert

Come to the Berkeley Community Church at 7:30 p.m. to watch new members of the Regis faculty play their favorite instruments!

Tattered Cover: Dan Gediman, et al.

7:30 p.m., Colfax Avenue. Dan Gediman, the executive producer of NPR's *This I Believe*, will join local contributing essayists to read from and sign the paperback edition of *This I believe*.

September 20

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Come celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit on at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. All are invited to attend.

Pre-Physical Therapy Club Student-Teacher Social

Students interested in Physical Therapy are invited to join Regis Physical Therapy faculty to network and learn more about the program and potential opportunities. There will be free subs and drinks. Check it out from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in West Hall 137.

Thursday Thrills

For the first time ever, an escape artist will take the stage for Thursday Thrills at 10 p.m. in the student center dining hall. Watch closely and don't let this one slip by.

September 26

Diversity Dialogue

Students and faculty are invited to engage in a dialogue about decisions "without prejudice" for this year's first diversity dialogue. Snacks will be provided. Join in on the dialogue at the Regis Room at Carroll Hall from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

September 29

Regis Fun Run/Walk (5k)

Join Regis University Physical Therapy in the 5th Annual PT Fun Run-Walk (5k) to benefit the Argyle Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any interested participants should call Katie Lorenzi at 303-458-4340 for more information.

October 2

Gandhi Fundraiser Dinner

Come honor of Ghandhi and learn about the Dept. of Peace Legislation from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the DSA Cafeteria (7111 Montview Blvd., Denver 80220). There will be dinner, local entertainment Cost: \$5 students, \$20-50 dinner, \$100 VIP table. Contact TJ Bowen for more information at lpae-nato@yahoo.com.

October 10

Peace Corps Info Session

Interested in doing Peace Corps? Join Karen Metzger Adduci from Career Services in the West Hall conference room from 6:00-7:30 p.m to learn more about Peace Corps opportunities!

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